### Blackboard News 2016

**Term 1**

Week 4  
19th February, 2016

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<td>Students return to school</td>
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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

With new enrolments and students returning from holidays, we will be able to maintain our current numbers, and students will remain in the classes they have been placed in. Our students are settled, becoming more familiar with the class expectations and are making new friendships with other students in the class.

2016 Classes

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| KC    | Mrs Carroll - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri  
        Mrs Styles - Wednesday | 3B    | Mrs Barak        |
| KF    | Mrs Ferrin – Wed – Fri  
        Mrs Styles – Mon – Tues | 3S    | Miss Strange     |
| KL    | Mrs Logan                    | 3W    | Ms Wilson        |
| KM    | Mrs Moss – Mon – Thurs  
        Mrs Styles – Fri    | 4B    | Mrs Buckingham – Mon – Thurs  
        Miss Chand – Fri   |
| KP    | Mrs Pirotta – Mon – Wed, Fri  
        Mrs Styles – Thurs | 4P    | Miss Poulton     |
| 1B    | Mrs Bale – Tues – Fri  
        Miss Chand – Mon   | 4T    | Miss Yard        |
| 1C    | Mrs Cassidy                  | 5D    | Ms Doyle         |
| 1P    | Mrs Purdy                    | 5E    | Mrs Edgington    |
| 1R    | Miss Clark                   | 5M    | Mr Moss          |
| 2C    | Miss Cabasa                  | 6D    | Miss Dela Fuente |
| 2D    | Mrs Donatiello               | 6F    | Mrs Felangue     |
| 2S    | Miss Dimarco                 | 6T    | Mrs Thomas       |
| 2W    | Miss Wnek                    | 3/6M  | Mrs Marr         |
| 1/2K  | Mrs Polkamp                  | 3/6P  | Mrs Prasad       |

Meet the Teacher Afternoon
Next Tuesday, 23rd February, we will be holding our Meet the Teacher Afternoon. It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible attend to find out about the great things that are happening at our school this year. We hope to see you there.
Working With Children Checks
Parents and volunteers coming in to help in classrooms, on excursions etc must have a WWCC number from Roads and Maritime Services. There is no cost to obtain a number as a volunteer and the check lasts for 5 years. Please feel free to come to the office and speak to someone for more information.

Threats to Schools
You are probably very aware of the recent bomb threats that have been made to a number of schools. Please know that all staff have been briefed and know what action to take should anything happen at our school. We will be practicing our evacuation drills over the next week to ensure that our students know what to do should an incident occur.

Parents must understand that in a real situation, the school will not be able to inform you of an evacuation or lockdown until all students and staff are safe. Parents should not come to the school. We will keep parents informed through our School App and let you know when we have been given the all clear from emergency services.

Lisa Littlejohn
Principal

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL
- 22nd February – Years 5 & 6 payment to Bell Shakespeare incursion $9
- 11th March – Years 3 & 4 ZooSnooz deposit of $20

When making payments you can choose the following methods: cash, EFTPOS (before midday) or online. Online payments should only be made via the school website which is listed at the top of this newsletter. Once you are on our website you click on $ make payment and follow the instructions.

INDUCTION ASSEMBLY 2016
On Friday 26th February (Week 5), our school will be having its first whole-school assembly for 2016. This assembly will include the induction of the upcoming school leaders for 2016.

The leadership roles for 2016 will be School Captains and Vice Captains, School Councillors, House Captains and Vice Captains, Library Monitors and the Student Representative Council.

All the successful applicants were carefully selected by both their peers and teachers. Throughout the whole of the year, these students will be expected to take on a variety of leadership roles, be role-models to the remaining students and follow the school motto of Safe Respectful Learners.

The assembly will begin at 11.40am.

Mr Moss
PBL

Students who are Safe, Respectful, Learners in the playground can get a playground ticket. This is collected throughout the term and drawn at the end of each term. From K-2 and 3-6 one winner is picked and then the tickets are put together for a major prize draw. At the end of last term we draw the attendance and PBL raffle.

CANCER COUNCIL AND SUN PROTECTION

In line with the School’s Uniform Policy, the Cancer Council’s strongest advice and our goal to Be Safe (in the sun) the school is promoting the wearing of the school hat at all times when outside. This includes coming to and from school, going to the playground, going to sport and on excursions. Hats are available from the school uniform shop. We seek your assistance to remind your child to bring their hat to school.

The school’s practice and policy is “no hat – play in the shade” / under the COLA. Teachers are enforcing this policy every day. Wearing the school’s blue wide-brimmed hat is to be encouraged.
WHAT’S GOING ON AT BENNETT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL?

We have a number of ways of finding out what is happening at our school, you can either check out our new notice board on Bennett Road, we have a Facebook page, our Web site or the Skoolbag app which is free to download.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click “Get” then “Install”.
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click “Open”.
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in “Notification Manager” changed to “Allow” instead of “Notify” in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device.
2. Search for “Skoolbag” in the keyword app search.
3. Install the Skoolbag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the “Pin” icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
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Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au  Don’t forget to like us on Facebook!
5M’s OPTICAL ILLUSIONS!

5M have just begun studying optical illusions. Below are some of the student’s thoughts on the subject...

“Optical illusions are pictures that play tricks on your mind and eyes” – Amasha

“My favourite optical illusion so far is the T-Rex – whose eyes follow you all the time”. – Matthew, Paul and Wesley

“I like them because they play tricks with my mind”. – Jeffrey

“If you close one eye, it will be hard to catch a ball”. – Montana

“Our brain tells us something different to what our eyes see”. - Jahmye

“I like watching the 2D optical illusion, where you slide a piece of paper under another piece of paper, and the image moves” – Aisha

“I have learnt that you can put a hole in your hand”- Zac and Mackaela

“I like the idea of styling a pattern, and taking some time to see an image” – Taylor
“I have learnt that optical illusions play tricks on your brain” - Ben

“I like putting on 3D glasses – it looks cool”. – Jasmine

“I love how they mess up my brain”. – Kayla

“I have learnt that binocular means bi=two and ocular means = to do with your eyes”. – Jessica

“Every time I stare at the dinosaur, it stares at me”. – Jayden

“I love the spinning circles, where you put one piece of paper on top of another”. – Dylan

“I love the spirals that move or connect”. – Daniel

“My favourite one is the optical illusion dinosaur”. – Wyatt

“Optical illusions are pictures that play tricks on you”. – Blake
URGENT INFORMATION ABOUT CONTACT DETAILS

A number of parents are not keeping the school up to date with changes to contact details. The school must have current information to ensure parents and caregivers can be reached in emergencies. On many occasions contact is unsuccessful because numbers are disconnected, barred or message banks are full. This information is critical when students are sick, injured, have ‘accidents’, are not collected after school or staff that need to speak with a parent/caregiver. Please call in the office and advise any changes to your contact details.

PARENT CONTACT WITH STAFF
Apart from brief courtesies and pleasantries, all discussions / interviews need to be arranged through the office (by telephone or in writing) so that a mutual time is arranged. All teachers have duties in their room or the playground before and after school as well as scheduled staff meetings, and these times are usually inconvenient for a quick chat. When an appointment is made, staff are better able to give close attention to your discussion and a more certain outcome will result.

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen will be having a Doughnut Day on Tuesday 8th March, 2016; the order is on the last page of this newsletter. Please complete the order and return to the canteen by Friday 4th March, 2016.

BREAKFAST CLUB
The school breakfast club has become very popular with the students and we are now running it on four days each week. The Breakfast Club will run every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning in room 19 from 8:30am to 8:45am. All students are most welcome to join in. We have a variety of cereals and toast available. This is a free service which is made possible by the generous donation and continued support from Baker’s Delight at Springwood, who have been supplying our bread each week. Thank you for your continued support.
Attention Parents of Year 7 Students 2017

INFORMATION EVENING FEBRUARY 23 2016

At Colyton High School you will find a warm and caring environment offering all students outstanding opportunities to achieve their personal best.

Our aim is to support and develop students to become articulate, confident and caring young citizens. We provide a diverse curriculum with a focus on quality teaching and learning. Students’ best efforts are encouraged and celebrated.

Our school provides an extensive range of career pathways, including many Vocational Education Courses. We are recognised as a school of excellence in Trade Education in the region.

Colyton High School Trade School cordially invites the parents of Year 7 student for 2017 to an information evening and a tour of the school facilities on Tuesday February 23. Please attend to see first-hand the quality learning resources provided for all students and discuss information regarding enrolment at Colyton High School Trade School in 2017.

The Principal, Mr Butler, and staff will be available to provide information about the school; curriculum pathways; sporting opportunities; as well as other outstanding opportunities provided to all students to achieve their personal best in education at Colyton High School.

WHEN: 5.00PM TO 7.00PM
WHERE: IN THE SCHOOL HALL
BBQ PROVIDED
Principal: Mr D Butler
37-53 Carpenter Street, Colyton 2760

Contact the school if you require further information
Phone: 9623 2789  Fax: 9833 1165
colyton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Sharon's Superb Slices
Specialty cakes for all occasions.
Cakes, pastries and slices made to order.
Sharon Peach Qualified pastry chef / specialist cake decorator.
12 Carpenter Street, Colyton Phone 9673 4361 Mobile 0423 341 901
Email: sharonssuperbslices@aapt.net.au
Web: sharonssuperbslices.com.au
Dear ...................................................
Please excuse my child’s absence on
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Child’s name .............................................
Class...........................................................

Yours sincerely,
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To ensure you receive the doughnut of choice, you may pre-order at the Canteen;

Prices are:  
Iced: $2.50 each  
Cinnamon $2.50 each  
Pineapple: $2.50 each  

Please complete the following order and return to the canteen by  

**Friday, 4\(^{th}\) March, 2016**

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The order will be sent to your child’s class at recess